

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the claims in this patent application. Accordingly, claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23 have been amended with this Preliminary Amendment, while claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 20, and 21 have not
5 been amended. Claims 1 - 23 are presently pending in this application. An amended page one (1) of the specification claiming the international filing date and the priority date is also included. If the Office has any concerns over these amendments or if there are any obstacles to allowance, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call to discuss the matter before any formal action is taken.

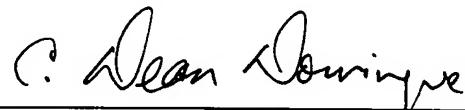
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